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- 5. The method of claim 1, and further comprising:
- displacing individual fibers on the fibercement layers from an orientation in a machine direction to an orientation perpendicular to the machine direction, wherein the fibers join the fibercement layers together.
- **6**. A method of manufacturing an exterior building product comprising:
 - a) forming a slurry of substantially non-gypsum cementitious material with reinforcing fibers;
 - b) forming the slurry into successive fibercement layers;
 - c) incorporating a resinous bond promoter of substantially non-gypsum, acrylic emulsion in an interlaminar region formed between the successive fibercement layers, and displacing individual fibers on the fibercement layers from an orientation in a machine direction to an orien-

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- tation perpendicular to the machine direction, wherein the fibers join the fibercement layers together;
- d) spraying a rheological agent of nano-sized magnesium alumino silicate onto the fibercement layers; and
- d) applying pressure and a wood grain impression in the slurry by a method step of molding the slurry with a mold having the wood grain impression and molding at a pressure of at least about 100 psi-500 psi, and dewatering and curing the slurry with the resinous bond promoter in the interlaminar region to bond the successive fibercement layers to one another with an increased interlaminar bond strength.

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